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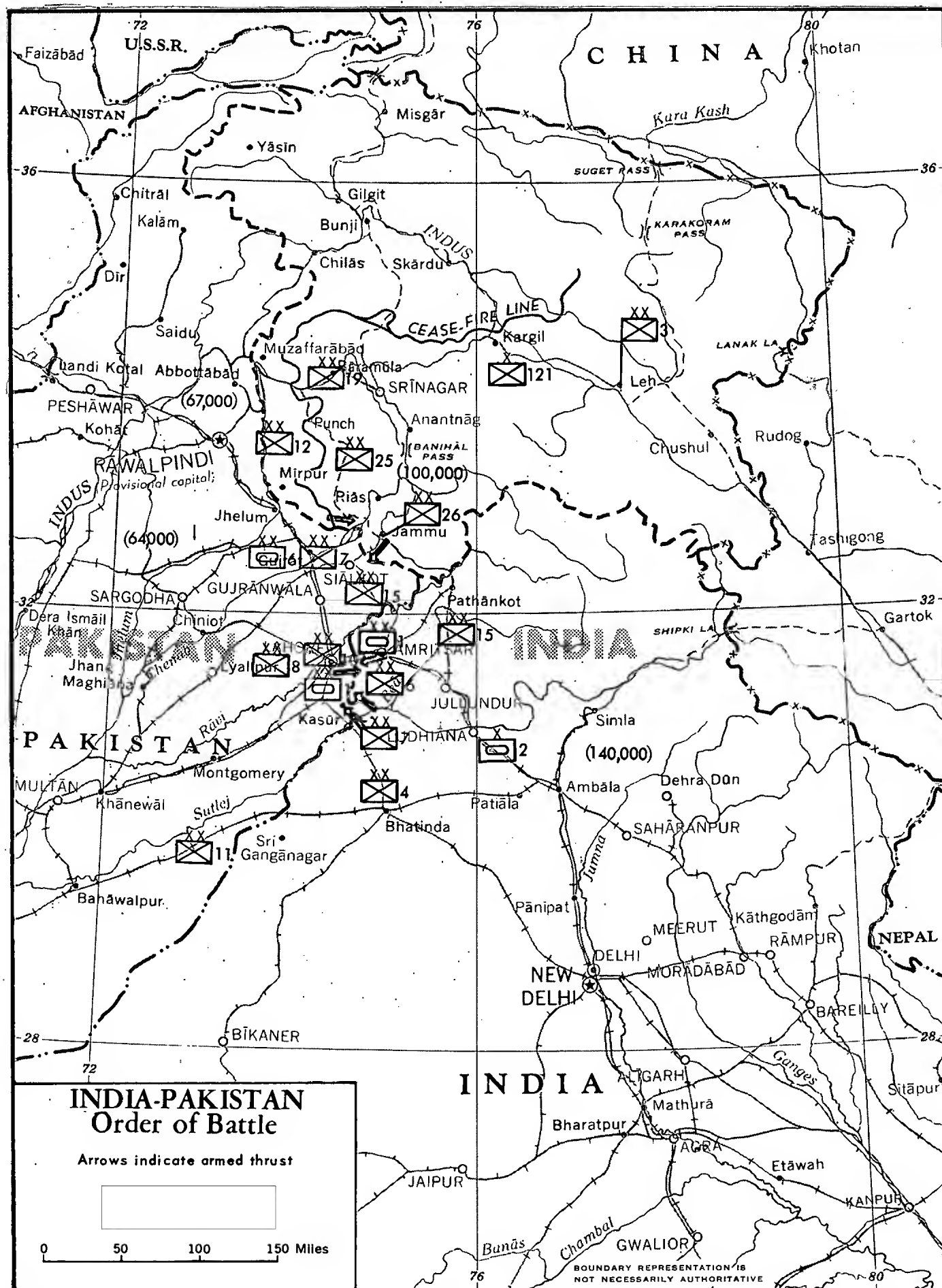
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. India-Pakistan

A major battle may be shaping up in the Punjab.

Pakistan claims that its troops have advanced 18 miles into Indian territory east of Lahore. These claims are probably exaggerated, but it does appear that the Pakistanis have now launched a counteroffensive in this area.

[redacted] neither the Indian First Armored Division nor the Pakistani First Armored Division have yet been fully committed in the hostilities. The latest Pakistani move could trigger the commitment of these and other reserve units.

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Meanwhile, Pakistan is receiving expressions of support from other Muslim countries. The Saudi King is reported [redacted] to have assured Saudi officials that he will give "strong support" to Pakistan and will try to rally other Muslim countries to Pakistan's side.

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He will offer safe haven at Saudi airfields for Pakistani aircraft if needed. The Iranian foreign minister is in Ankara to discuss Pakistan's request for military aid and Tehran feels that at least token support is necessary to prevent Pakistan from turning from Western ties. The Turks too are under pressure to provide Pakistan with material aid.

U Thant is now in Rawalpindi and plans to go to India on Saturday. He expects to return to New York next Tuesday.

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2. Vietnam

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3. USSR

There are new reports of pending changes in Soviet leadership. The most recent is that the 70-year-old Mikoyan is to be retired from his post as chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. This could trigger a series of other high-level changes.

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Finnish leaders who have close connections in Moscow told Ambassador Thompson earlier this week that they doubt the Brezhnev-Kosygin combine will continue for long.

4. Canada

Complaints against the US are sure to be featured in the coming election campaign. The most pressing issue is US attempts to control exports by Canadian subsidiaries of US companies.

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The election has been set for 8 November.

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5. Dominican Republic

President Garcia Godoy asked this morning for military assistance in helping him force the still intransigent General Wessin to leave the country. The Inter-American Peace Force has been authorized to help.

This afternoon, the force commanders, Generals Alvim and Palmer, called on Wessin to urge him to depart. We have as yet no word on the outcome of this encounter.

Wessin apparently reneged on a promise to accept a foreign assignment which he made last night to Garcia Godoy. Garcia Godoy, who has committed the prestige of his week-old regime to securing Wessin's departure, has been assured of the backing of the principal armed forces chiefs.

6. Colombia

An extremist-led rally scheduled for tomorrow could spark serious violence in the present atmosphere of political unrest and financial crisis. The rally is to be led by a defrocked priest who has been inciting rebellion. It has Communist support.

Communists have been seeking to exploit the growing strikes by teachers and other government employees. The strikers have thus far rejected extremist offers of help, but their determination to obtain redress of economic grievances could lead to a change in this policy.

7. Brazil

Discussions between Brazilian and Argentine military leaders on contingency plans should Communists threaten nearby regimes have aroused concern in Uruguay and Chile. Brazilian and Argentine military spokesmen felt compelled this week to deny that there has been any "written" pact. Nevertheless, military of both countries are likely to continue these talks.

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